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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

1. Please amend the title to "Wind Energy Plant and Method for Use in Erection of a Wind Energy Plant".
2. Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the new Abstract which is submitted on the separate sheet, attached hereto (37 CFR 1.72 and 1.121).
3. Please delete the text on page 1, line 1 ("Aloys WOB BEN").
4. Please delete the text on page 1, line 2 ("Argenstrasse 19, 26607 Aurich").
5. On page 1, line 7 (i.e., before the paragraph that begins at line 8), please insert the following heading:

TECHINICAL FIELD

6. On page 1, after the paragraph that ends on line 9 and before the paragraph that begins at line 10, please insert the following heading:

RELATED INFORMATION

7. On page 1, after the paragraph that ends on line 20 and before the paragraph that begins at line 21, please insert the following heading:

SUMMARY

8. Please **replace** the paragraphs that begin on page 1, line 21, and end on page 1, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

Now, ~~the~~ an object of one aspect of the invention is to develop a method by means of which the erection of wind power installations can be effected still more conveniently but in particular also more quickly.

A further aim of one aspect of the invention is to provide in particular a solution which is suitable for offshore wind power installations.

9. Please **delete** the paragraph that begins on page 1, line 26, and ends on page 1, line 27.

10. Please **replace** the paragraph that begins on page 1, line 28, and ends on page 2, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In accordance with one aspect of the invention it is firstly proposed that the power module is arranged in a container having walls which are disposed between the wall of the pylon and the power module. Accordingly therefore the power module has its own enclosure or is disposed in a separate space within the pylon of the wind power installation. The particular advantage of that structure is that in that way, in a particular fashion, in relation to offshore wind power installations, it is possible to ensure that, when water penetrates into the pylon, the power module and the items of electrical equipment installed therein are not also detrimentally affected at the same time.

11. Please **replace** the paragraphs that begin on page 3, line 16, and end on page 4, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

Finally it is also highly advantageous if empty tubes are provided for the cables which extend out of the wind power installation, that is to say in

particular the power transmission cables, control cables and so forth. Empty tube tie bars are provided for those empty tubes in the foundation of a wind power installation or above the foundation and those empty tube tie bars fix the empty tubes in a defined position. For that purpose the tie bars are held by means of holding arms which in turn are again exactly predetermined in parts of the foundation or at the lower section of the cable feed arrangement and in particular are laid in such a way that the cables which extend out of the power module into the foundation have a ~~standardised~~ standardized, shortest and optimum cable route.

The measures according to one aspect of the invention therefore also already facilitate the entire electrical setup of the wind power installation by prefabrication of individual modules or ~~standardisation~~ standardization such as empty tube tie bars, power module supports etc, when establishing the foundation.

The entire erection time of the wind power installation can be markedly reduced with the measures according to one aspect of the invention. In addition, the costs for the entire wind power installation erection procedure can be reduced with one aspect of the invention without having to accept any technical disadvantages.

~~The Aspects of the invention is~~ are described in greater detail hereinafter by means of an embodiment illustrated in a drawing.

12. On page 4, after the paragraph that ends on line 4 and before the paragraph that begins on line 5, please insert the following:

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows a plan view of a foundation, without concrete filling, and support plates, according to an embodiment of aspects of the invention;

Figure 2 shows the foundation of Figure 1 after filling with concrete;

Figure 3 shows a power module, without its enclosing housing, on the support plates of Figure 1, according to an embodiment of aspects of the invention;

Figure 4 shows the power module of Figure 4 and a pylon;

Figure 5 shows a side view of a wind power installation, according to an embodiment of aspects of the invention;

Figure 6 shows a cross section view taken along line A-A in Figure 5, of the wind power installation of Figure 5, according to one embodiment of aspects of the invention;

Figure 7 shows a longitudinal cross section view of a region of the wind power installation of Figure 5, according to one embodiment of aspects of the invention;

Figure 8 shows a cut-away view of a wind power installation according to one embodiment of aspects of the invention;

Figure 9 shows a partly cut-away view of one level of the wind power installation of Figure 8, according to one embodiment of aspects of the invention;

Figure 10 shows a partly cut-away view of one level of the wind power installation of Figure 8, according to one embodiment of aspects of the invention;

Figure 11 shows a partly cut-away view of a power cabinet level of the wind power installation of Figure 8, according to one embodiment of aspects of the invention; and

Figures 12-16 show views of portions of a wind power installation, according to one embodiment of aspects of the invention.

### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

13. Please **replace** the paragraph that begins on page 4, line 5, and ends on page 4, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 1 shows a plan view of a pre-established foundation (without concrete filling) with a steel reinforcement 1 and 2, on an empty tube 3 which is held by way of a strut arrangement 4 to a lowermost pylon section which adjoins the reinforcement. The Figure also shows support plates 5 which are mounted for holding arms 6 in the lowermost section of the pylon (for the major part they are no longer to be seen at a later time after erection of the wind power installation).

14. Please **replace** the paragraph that begins on page 4, line 26, and ends on page 4, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

After the concrete has set, for further erection of the wind power installation, the pylon is not placed on the foundation section - as has hitherto been usual - but firstly the power module according to one embodiment of aspects of the invention is placed on the support plates.

15. Please **replace** the paragraphs that begin on page 5, line 23, and end on page 6, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

When the above-described empty tubes or devices provided for carrying cables are pre-fixed in given prescribed positions, the connection between the power module and the network can also be made extremely quickly and advantageously, in which respect the cable lengths overall are ~~optimised~~ optimized because the empty tubes are positioned and thus the cables issue from the foundation, at the location where they are required in the case of a ~~standardised~~ standardized, ~~optimised~~ optimized structural configuration for connection to the corresponding parts of the power module.

In the case of the wind power installation according to one embodiment of aspects of the invention it is advantageous if access to the wind power installation is no longer necessarily through a conventional door in the fixed foundation region but through a door (access) which is so positioned that it opens into the region above the parts of the power module, which are carrying high or medium voltage. For that purpose a suitable ladder or staircase can be provided at the outside of the pylon. That positioning of the access door has the advantage that the personnel who must relatively frequently enter the installation do not always have to move past the parts of the power module, which are carrying voltages, while the installation is in operation. That also ensures that no one is in the immediately proximity of the power module unexpectedly or by mistake while the wind power installation is in operation, and thus comes into contact with voltage-carrying or current-carrying parts, which could cause a serious accident.

16. Please replace the paragraphs that begin on page 6, line 17, and end on page 6, line 31, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

A wind power installation of the type according to one embodiment of aspects of the invention involves such an installation which usually has more than 100 kW rated power, preferably a rated power in the region of 500 kW, 1 MW, 1.5 MW or markedly higher. Preferably the intermediate platform is provided with a closable panel through which the personnel can climb into the lower region of the power module. Closure of the flap ensures that the lower part of the power module is further safeguarded against ~~unauthorised~~unauthorized access or entry.

In that case the inside diameter of the pylon in the foundation region can be several ~~metres~~meters so that the entire area there is for example 100 m<sup>2</sup> or more and therefore there is a sufficiently large area for receiving the power modules. Insofar as the term 'power module' is used

in this application, that means in particular the converter and network transfer region of the wind power installation. These are in particular the assemblies such as the transformer or inverter or emergency switches as well as the medium voltage switching cabinet or also the distributors.

17. Please **replace** the paragraph that begins on page 7, line 10, and ends on page 7, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

It is also possible to provide within the container an additional space or room which is available for example as a changing room and/or rest room for people such as service engineers and so forth. That is highly appropriate in particular when an embodiment of aspects of the invention is embodied in relation to offshore wind power installations and in a bad weather situation the engineers are obliged to remain within the wind power installation for a certain time. That room or space should therefore also be provided with the most necessary items which permit a prolonged stay such as for example fresh water, food, sleeping arrangements, communication equipment.

18. Please **replace** the paragraphs that begin on page 9, line 19, and end on page 9, line 32, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

So that as little salt-bearing air as possible can pass into the enclosing housing, it is also advantageous if the enclosing housing is provided with a lock arrangement which is preferably made from a glass fibre-~~fiber~~ reinforced plastic material (GRP). If the operating personnel want to enter the enclosing housing by way of the lock arrangement, air is passed under pressure into the lock arrangement so that the operating personnel can pass into the enclosing housing against an air flow. It is therefore advantageous if the enclosing housing is also connected to a further tank, within which substantially salt-free air is stored which is then passed into

the enclosing housing under pressure when operating personnel wish to go into the enclosing housing by way of the lock arrangement.

It is also advantageous if there are within the enclosing housing means which are so adapted as to ~~minimise~~-minimize the moisture content within the enclosing housing. Such a means can be for example a Peltier element.

19. Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 11, line 3, and ends on page 11, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The enclosing housing according to one embodiment of aspects of the invention can be disposed not only within the wind power installation but also mounted to the pylon directly on the outside thereof. That can be effected for example by the entire enclosing housing being mounted on a platform externally on the pylon or fixed directly to the pylon. If the enclosing housing is in the form of a closed tube and if that tube is arranged externally on the pylon then people can enter the enclosing housing by way of a door or lock arrangement to the enclosing housing and the interior of the pylon. With this variant it is also readily possible for the interior of the enclosing housing to be cooled by way of air ducts which extend into or surround the pylon, without the outside air which surrounds the wind power installation coming into contact with the air within the enclosing housing.

20. Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 11, line 20, and ends on page 11, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 5 shows a side view of a wind power installation 12 according to one embodiment of aspects of the invention with a pylon 9. Figure 6 shows a section taken along line A-A in Figure 5. In this respect it can be



seen from Figure 6 that an enclosing housing 10 is disposed between the power module ~~10-7~~ and the pylon wall, which housing 10 can also be a tube.

21. Please **replace** the paragraph that begins on page 12, line 3, and ends on page 12, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 8 shows a cut-away view of a wind power installation according to one embodiment of aspects of the invention, from which it can be seen that various parts of the wind power installation are disposed on different levels within an enclosing housing.

22. Please **replace** the paragraph that begins on page 13, line 18, and ends on page 13, line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figures 12 to 16 show further details of a wind power installation according to one embodiment of aspects of the invention with the power module already described above. In this respect the description explains in particular how a lock arrangement is provided between the external entrance to the pylon of the wind power installation and the interior of the installation, that is to say where the important electronic and electrical parts of the power module are disposed, which lock arrangement, in the situation where the entire wind power installation is used as an offshore wind power installation, prevents salt-bearing air or salt water from being capable of passing into the interior of the installation and thus damaging or destroying electrical or electronic parts.